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Honorable Christian A. Herter
The Secretary of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Chris:

Upon returning to my office your letter of 1 November inviting me to the conference at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on 16 and 17 December has been brought to my attention.

Much as I would like to participate in this particular conference, there is a likelihood that I will be out of the city on those dates and therefore must regretfully decline your kind invitation. I should very much like to be represented at the conference and suggest that Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., our Deputy Director for Intelligence, be present in my stead if agreeable with you. If this is convenient, I would appreciate hearing from you so that I can make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Amory.

I might say that I have looked over the list of participants that you sent me and the meeting should certainly be a highly stimulating one.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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